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SUBJECT: ITU SYG AND DSYG GIVE BACKGROUND ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES
BEFORE 30TH ADMIN COUNCIL

REF: GENEVA 1383

1. ITU SYG MILI AND DSYG BUTLER IN SEPARATE INTERVIEWS OFFERED
FOLLOWING VIEWS AND BACKGROUND ON SOME OF THE MORE IMPORTANT
SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES TO COME BEFORE 30TH ADMIN COUNCIL TO BE HELD
HERE JUNE 7-27:

PLENARY ITEM 8 (WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE FOR THE
AERONAUTICAL MOBILE (R) SERVICE): DSYG BUTLER EXPRESSED CONCERN
OVER THE INADEQUACY OF COLLECTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR THIS IMPORTANT
CONFERENCE. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THESE PREPARATIONS CAN BE DONE
BY ICAO AS SUGGESTED BY ONE DELEGATION (UK) TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
FACT ALL AIRCRAFT (INCLUDING MILITARY) USE THIS SERVICE AND
CONSIDERING OTHER FACTORS WHICH HAVE LED TO CONFERENCE PREPARATORY
COORDINATION AT ITU IN THE PAST.

PLENARY ITEM 9 (TERMS OF REFERENCE OF WORLD PLANNING
COMMITTEE): SYG MILI SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE FAVORS REINFORCING
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WORLD PLAN COMMITTEE, HE WISHES TO SEE ABANDONMENT OF THE

REGIONAL PLAN COMMITTEES AS THEIR WORK IS DONE PRINCIPALLY BY THE ITU COMPUTER AND THESE COMMITTEES HAVE DEMONSTRATED AT THEIR MOST RECENT MEETINGS THAT THEIR MEMBERS HAVE EITHER LOST INTEREST IN THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF THE MEETINGS OR SERIOUSLY WISH TO CHANGE THEIR NATURE, THUS OUTDATING THE ORIGINAL TERMS OF REFERENCE. DSYG BUTLER, ON OTHER HAND, DOES NOT FEEL IT POSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE THE REGIONAL PLAN COMMITTEES ALTOGETHER. INSTEAD HE URGES THAT ALL REGIONAL PLAN COMMITTEES MEET AT THE SAME TIME JUST PRIOR TO MEETINGS OF THE WORLD PLAN COMMITTEE. HE RECOGNIZES THAT ANY CHANGE WILL TAKE TIME AND WILL MEET ENTRENCHED OPPOSITION. BOTH MILI AND BUTLER SAID THAT THE AC WOULD HAVE BEFORE IT (1) RECOMMENDATION OF UK MEMBER (MEYER) THAT AC RE-STUDY TERMS OF REFERENCE OF REGIONAL COMMITTEES AS WELL AS (2) RESOLUTION OF REGIONAL AF COMMITTEE (KINSHASA) THAT SPECIAL SESSION OF REGIONAL AF PLAN COMMITTEE BE CONVENED IN 1976 AT THE TIME OF THE CCITT PLENARY ASSEMBLY. AS BUTLER SEES IT, AC WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER REDRAFTING THEIR STANDING RESOLUTION GIVING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE REGIONAL PLAN COMMITTEES.

PLENARY ITEM 18 (PUBLICATION OF AN ANNOTATED EDITION OF THE FINAL ACTS OF THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE, MALAGA-TORREMOLINOS, 1973): SYG MILI SAID THAT TEAM OF ITALIAN AND FRG AC MEMBERS WILL RETURN TO GENEVA IN APRIL TO COMPLETE THEIR REPORT TO AC ON THIS SUBJECT. HE SAID HE WOULD ASK COUNCIL TO NAME THIRD MEMBER STATE TO THIS AD HOC COMMITTEE. COMMENT: US MIGHT WISH TO NOMINATE AN AC MEMBER TO COMPLETE THIS THREE-MAN AD HOC COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE I, ITEM 12 (BUDGETS OF THE UNION)

A. ADDITIONAL CREDITS FOR 1975: SYG SAID HE WOULD ASK COUNCIL FOR ADDITIONAL CREDITS TO MEET 6 PERCENT PROFESSIONAL SALARY INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1975, AND TO MEET GREATLY INCREASED UTILITY (TELEPHONE, HEAT) BILLS EFFECTIVE THIS YEAR IN GENEVA. BUTLER SAID ADJUSTED 1975 BUDGET SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL WOULD BE 48,700,000 SWISS FRANCS. THIS ADJUSTED BUDGET REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF JUST UNDER 1.4 MILLION SF OVER THE 1975 BUDGET OF 47,307,400 SF APPROVED BY THE 29TH AC.

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B. BUDGET FOR 1976: SYG SAID HE WOULD ASK AC TO RAISE THE TORREMOLINOS-APPROVED CEILING TO MEET FOLLOWING NEEDS: (1) THREE NEW EDITORIAL POSTS FOR CCITT AND CCIR WHICH 29TH AC VOTED TO BE ESTABLISHED ON JANUARY 1, 1976. PRESENT CEILING WILL NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO PERMIT FILLING THOSE THREE POSTS, MILI SAID; (2) CREDITS TO IMPLEMENT PERSONNEL, EXPERTS' RECOMMENDED RECLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN ITU; (3) CREDITS TO PERMIT ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND AMOUNTING TO 2 1/2 PERCENT OF GROSS

ALLOCATION FOR GENERAL SERVICES SALARIES TO BE USED FOR (A) RECLASSIFICATIONS, (B) PROMOTIONS, (C) RECRUITMENT OF GS PERSONNEL. DSYG BUTLER SAID 1976 BUDGET WOULD BE JUST UNDER 50 MILLION SF, OF WHICH 41.7 MILLION WOULD BE FOR STAFF COSTS. HE RECOGNIZED THIS WOULD BE 1.1 MILLION SF ABOVE TORREMOLINOS CEILING BUT STRESSED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF PERSONNEL EXPERTS' REPORT ALONE WOULD COST ITU 400,000 SF. COMMENT: TEL ATT WARNED SYG AND DSYG THAT US WOULD VERY LIKELY OPPOSE ANY PROPOSAL TO RAISE TORREMOLINOS BUDGET CEILING, REGARDLESS OF REASONS CITED.

COMMITTEE II, ITEM 4: ORGANIZATION, METHODS AND GRADING REVIEW: SYG AND DSYG UNHAPPY WITH REPORT OF PANEL OF 3 EXPERTS (CANADIAN, SWEDISH, GERMAN) ON ITU'S ORGANIZATION, METHODS AND GRADING, ALTHOUGH BOTH FIND GOOD ASPECTS IN REPORT, WHICH WAS JUST GIVEN TO ITU THIS WEEK. SYG NOTED THAT EXPERTS RECOMMENDED CREATION OF TWO FIXED TERM P-4 POSTS OF CLASSIFICATIONS OFFICER AND METHODS/MANAGEMENT OFFICER REPORTING AND RESPONSIBLE TO ITU'S COORDINATION COMMITTEE. IT WAS SUGGESTED SECOND POST MIGHT BE PHASED OUT AFTER FOUR TO FIVE YEARS. DSYG BUTLER FOUND RECOMMENDATION AS IT STOOD REQUIRED CLOSE EXAMINATION FOR IN EFFECT IT SET UP TWO P-4S WITH THE AUTHORITY OF D-1S AND DID NOT MAKE THEM RESPONSIBLE TO A SINGLE OFFICER OF THE ORGANIZATION. THIS BUTLER FOUND UNACCEPTABLE.

DSYG SAID HE FELT WAY COULD BE FOUND TO AVOID IMPLEMENTING THE EXPERT'S RECOMMENDED REGRADINGS BOTH THIS YEAR AND IN 1976 AND WOULD SO SUGGEST TO AC IN ORDER TO REDUCE BUDGET REQUESTS.

IN THIS CONNECTION REPORT RECOMMENDED GREATER INTEGRATION OF TCD WITH ITU'S FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING SYSTEM WHICH DSYG BUTLER FELT WAS SOUND.

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REPORT HINTED, FURTHER, THAT SINCE ITU WAS WORKING UNDER A FEDERAL STRUCTURE AND ELECTED THE HEADS OF IFRB, CCITT AND CCIR, CONSIDERATIONS MIGHT BE GIVEN TO MAKING THE DIRECTOR OF TCD AN ELECTED OFFICER. DSYG BUTLER THOUGHT THIS IDEA UNSOUND, AND NOTED TCD WAS MAJOR CONCERN OF SYG AND DSYG, BOTH ELECTED OFFICIALS.

2. MISSION WILL FORWARD FULL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR 30TH AC (REFERENCING THIS TEL AND GENEVA 1383) BY END OF MARCH. FINAL BUDGET DETAILS ALONE WILL NOT BE READY UNTIL FINANCE DIRECTOR PRELAZ' RETURN FROM NEW YORK WEEK OF MARCH 17. DALE

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